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Army Orders Nos. 234 to 241 have been published during the month of July, 1917.

Published on the 13th July, 1917.

<div style="text-align: right;"><u>14</u> Gen. No. <u>6114</u></div>	<p>I.—Travelling Allowance for Soldiers and Civilians.—It has been decided that for the period of the war the minimum rate of nightly travelling allowance for soldiers and civilians serving under the War Department shall be 3s. 6d. (subject to the usual reductions in accordance with the various regulations for prolonged periods spent in one place). Nightly rates below 3s. 6d. will be increased accordingly, but no alteration will be made in other rates.</p> <p>This order in no way relaxes the general rule that soldiers away from their stations shall, save in altogether exceptional circumstances, be billeted.</p>	<div style="text-align: right;"><u>A.O. 234.</u> <u>1917.</u></div>
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Published on the 18th July, 1917.

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<div style="text-align: right;"><u>22</u> R.P. <u>285</u></div>	<p>II.—Re-employment of Retired Officers.</p> <p>GEORGE R.I.</p> <p>WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to provide for the re-employment of retired officers after they have attained the age of 65 ;</p> <p>OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that Our Warrant of 1st December, 1914, governing the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-effective Pay of Our Army, shall be amended as follows :—</p> <p>) Article 495. The following shall be <i>substituted</i> for the last sentence—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“ Except in a national emergency such officers shall not be so employed after attaining the age of 65.”</p> <p>(4353)</p>	<div style="text-align: right;"><u>A.O. 235.</u> <u>1917.</u></div>
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A.O. 235. Article 496. The following shall be *substituted* for the
1917 first seven lines—

continued.

“(a) Retired officers compulsorily recalled to service under Article 518 shall receive, while so employed, the same rates of pay and allowances as officers of corresponding army rank in the same arm or branch of the service; or, if holding a command or employed on the staff, the rates of consolidated pay laid down for their appointments. (b) Other officers specially taken into employment by reason of a national emergency shall be similarly paid, except in special cases in which Our Army Council may fix a rate of pay not exceeding pay of rank or the rate laid down for a command or appointment on the staff. In the case of retired officers coming under (a) or (b),”

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
16th day of July, 1917, in the 8th year of
Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

DERBY.

A.O. 236. III.—Gold Braid Distinction for Soldiers Wounded
1917. at Home.—With reference to Army Orders 249 of 1916 and 202 of 1917, approval is given for the award of the gold braid distinction to officers, soldiers, members of the Military Nursing Services, members of Voluntary Aid Detachments and special probationers employed in military hospitals who are wounded by the enemy whilst serving in this country.

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2511

Published on the 23rd July, 1917.

A.O. 237. IV.—Distinctions in Dress for Staff Officers of
1917. Royal Flying Corps.—The following distinctions in dress have been approved for Staff Officers of the Royal Flying Corps :—

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Gen. No.
500

Gorget patches.—French grey cloth with line of crimson gimp and small Royal Flying Corps button.

Cap-band.—Band of French grey cloth to be worn with the forage cap of the Royal Flying Corps (para-

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graph 579B, Dress Regulations). A cover of drab material to be fitted to the forage cap so as to show the badge, band and peak. A.O. 237
1917
continued.

Patterns of the gorget patches and cap-band have been sealed and can be seen in the pattern room of the War Office.

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Gen. No
3068 **V.—Riband of the Meritorious Service Medal.—** A.O. 238.
1917.
1. With reference to Army Order 183 of 1916, His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the design of the riband suspending the Meritorious Service Medal being altered to crimson with white edges and a white line down the centre.
2. The new riband will be taken into wear by all officers, non-commissioned officers and men who are in possession of the medal and are now serving.

Published on the 28th July, 1917.

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VI.—Tank Corps.

GEORGE R.I.

A.O. 239.
1917.

30
Misc.
456 WHEREAS We deem it expedient to authorize the formation of, and to provide rates of pay for, a corps to be entitled "Tank Corps";

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the Tank Corps shall be deemed to be a corps for the purposes of the Army Act;

OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the Tank Corps shall consist of two parts, namely, technical personnel and non-technical personnel:—

1. The non-technical personnel, both officers and soldiers shall be granted the rates of pay laid down for their respective ranks in Our Royal Field Artillery and in addition thereto they shall be eligible for proficiency or service pay under the conditions applicable to Our Royal Field Artillery.

2. The Equipment Officers shall be granted the rates of pay laid down for their ranks in Our Royal Field Artillery.

3. The rate of additional pay for the Battalion Adjutant shall be 5s. a-day.

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A.O. 239 4. The daily rates of pay for officers, warrant officers,
1917 non-commissioned officers and men of the technical
continued. section shall be as stated below. These rates are
 inclusive rates and no corps, proficiency or service pay
 is admissible in addition :—

<i>Officers.</i>				<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Major	...	...	...	19	0
After 2 years' service in that rank				21	0
Captain	...	...	...	15	6
After 3 years' service in that rank (provided that he has at least 12 years' service)	...	...	...	17	6
Lieutenant	...	...	...	10	6
2nd Lieutenant	...	...	...	9	6

Other ranks.

Mechanist staff-serjeant-major	...	...	...	6	0
Mechanist staff-serjeant	...	...	...	5	3
Technical quartermaster-serjeant	...	...	...	5	3
Tank mechanist-serjeant	...	...	...	4	2

Tank mechanist, 1st Class.

Corporal	...	...	...	4	0
Lance-corporal	...	...	...	3	0
Private	...	...	...	2	8

Tank mechanist, 2nd Class.

Corporal	...	...	...	3	6
Lance-corporal	...	...	...	2	6
Private	...	...	...	2	2

5. Officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men already serving in the Machine-Gun Corps, Heavy Section, shall, on transfer to the Tank Corps, be paid the rates of pay laid down in this Our Warrant, or if more advantageous they shall continue to draw the rates of which they are at present in receipt. On being promoted they will be eligible to draw the corresponding rate for their new rank if more advantageous than the rates laid down for the Tank Corps in this Our Warrant.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
 27th day of July, 1917, in the 8th year of
 Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command;

DERBY.

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<p>30 Misc. 456</p>	<p>VII.—Tank Corps.—1. Army Order 357 of 1916 is A.O. 240. hereby cancelled in so far as it refers to the Machine-Gun 1917. Corps (Heavy Branch). All officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Machine- Gun Corps (Heavy Branch) will be transferred to the Tank Corps from the date of this present Army Order. 2. The establishments of units will be as at present approved for the Machine-Gun Corps (Heavy Branch). 3. Officers will be obtained as follows :— (i.) By the granting of commissions to selected cadets from the Tank Corps Officer Cadet Battalion. (ii.) From officers seconded or transferred from the Regular, Territorial and Reserve Forces, and New Armies. 4. The promotion of all officers serving with the Tank Corps will take the form of temporary promotion, and will be carried out on a general list of the Corps. Temporary promotion granted to officers as above will only hold good as long as they are serving with the Tank Corps. All promotions will be regulated by the War Office, and be governed by the approved establishments referred to in paragraph 2 above. They will be given to qualified officers, having due regard to seniority in the Corps. Officers seconded or transferred to the Tank Corps will take seniority in the Corps in accordance with the substantive rank they hold at the date of their being seconded or transferred. Any acting or temporary rank which has been granted to an officer while holding a specific position will automatically lapse on appointment to the Tank Corps. Officers promoted in the Corps will take seniority in accordance with the date of such promotion. Acting rank will be granted to officers when acting in command of units, under the same conditions as those which govern the grant of such rank to officers temporarily performing the duties of a higher rank in units of other branches of the service. 5. The following officers will be regarded as belong- ing to the technical section of the Tank Corps :— Salvage officers. Workshop officers. Technical officers attached to Headquarters Staff. Technical instructional officers. 6. The rank of equipment officer on first appoint- ment to a commission will be 2nd lieutenant, and promotion may be given up to the rank of captain (4858) A 4</p>
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A.O. 240 according to his technical proficiency, which will be
1917 determined by tests to be laid down from time to time
continued. by the Director-General, Tank Corps.

7. The other ranks of the Tank Corps will be composed of warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men transferred from other units to the Tank Corps.

They will be on probation until passed by a Board at the Tank Corps Training Centre. Other ranks will be transferred in their permanent rank.

8. Promotion of other ranks will be governed by Army Council Instructions 288 and 717 of 1917, and by any other Orders and Instructions which may govern substantive, temporary and acting promotion.

9. The following will be included in the technical section as Tank Mechanists and will be graded as 1st or 2nd Class Mechanists according to their technical efficiency which will be determined by tests to be laid down from time to time by the Director-General, Tank Corps:—

Acetylene welders.	Fitters and turners.
Blacksmiths.	Painters (camouflage).
Boilermakers.	Tank drivers.
Coppersmiths.	Tractor drivers.
Draughtsmen.	Wheelers.
Electricians.	

Should a non-commissioned officer or man of this technical section fail to maintain the standard of efficiency laid down from time to time by the Director-General, Tank Corps, he will be reduced from Class 1 to Class 2 rate Tank Mechanist on the authority of the Officer Commanding Battalion with an E.F., Officer Commanding Central Workshops, or the General Officer Commanding Tank Corps Training Centre at home.

10. The records and pay of the Tank Corps will be dealt with by the Officer in charge of Machine-Gun Corps Records and the Regimental Paymaster, Machine-Gun Corps, respectively.

A.O. 241. **VIII.—Rules for Military Detention Barracks and**
1917. Military Prisons—Provisional Amendment.—The following amendments will be made to the special scale of rations, promulgated by Army Order 204 of 1917, for soldiers other than those of Category A undergoing detention:—

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 1883

- (1.) $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. sugar will be added to the scale.
- (2.) The ration of barley or maize flour will be amended to read $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz., instead of 3 oz.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

ROYAL WARRANTS.

**Gratuities for Non-commissioned Officers and Men A.O. 242.
of the West African Regiment. 1917.**

GEORGE R.I.

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Misc.
2488 WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to make provision for those non-commissioned officers and men of Our West African Regiment who, in consequence of the present war, are specially retained in Our Army beyond 19 years ;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that the gratuity payable on discharge for each complete year of unforfeited service beyond 19 shall be at double the rates laid down in Article 1194(b) of Our Warrant of the 1st December, 1914, for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army.

IT IS OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE that this gratuity for service beyond 19 years shall be payable in addition to the gratuity under Article 1194(d) of Our aforesaid Warrant in cases of discharge for disability arising from military service.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 16th day of July, 1917, in the 8th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

DERBY.

**Regulations made under the Regimental Debts A.O. 243.
Act, 1893. 1917.**

GEORGE R.I.

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1564 WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to amend the Regulations made under the Regimental Debts Act, 1893 ;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that Our Warrant of the 13th day of October, 1915, shall be and is hereby cancelled and the following shall be *substituted* for

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A.O. 243 paragraph 29 of the Regulations annexed to the
1917 Warrant of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, dated the
continued. 30th day of August, 1893 :—

29. In cases in which representation is not taken out, payment may be made to or for the benefit of each of the persons appearing to be beneficially entitled to the estate, or, where it appears desirable, payment of the whole or a portion or portions of the residue may be made to one or more of the persons beneficially entitled for their own benefit or for distribution between themselves and the other persons entitled to the amount so paid, or the whole or part of the residue may be invested as authorized by Section 9 of the Act for the persons beneficially entitled or any of them. Payments may be made by crediting the payee's account, whether private, regimental or other, or by handing to the payee or posting to his last known address a cheque, draft, postal order, money order or other similar instrument.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 24th
day of July, 1917, in the 8th year of Our
Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

DERBY.

INSTRUCTIONS, REGULATIONS, &c.

A.O. 244. Victoria Cross.—His Majesty the King has been
1917. graciously pleased to approve of the award of the
Victoria Cross to the undermentioned officer and
man :—

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2nd Lieutenant (acting Captain) Arthur Henderson,
M.C., late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

For most conspicuous bravery. During an attack on the enemy trenches this officer, although almost immediately wounded in the left arm, led his company through the front enemy line until he gained his final objective.

He then proceeded to consolidate his position, which, owing to heavy gun and machine-gun fire and bombing attacks, was in danger of being isolated.

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By his cheerful courage and coolness he was enabled to maintain the spirit of his men under most trying conditions. A.O. 244
1917
continued.

Captain Henderson was killed after he had successfully accomplished his task.

No. 18233 Private John Readitt, South Lancashire Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty when working down a broad, deep watercourse.

Five times he went forward in the face of very heavy machine-gun fire at very close range, being the sole survivor on each occasion. These advances drove back the enemy machine guns, and about 300 yards of watercourse was made good in an hour.

After his officer had been killed Private Readitt, on his own initiative, organized and made several more advances.

On reaching the enemy barricade, he was forced by a counter-attack to retire, giving ground slowly and continuing to throw bombs. On supports reaching him, he held a forward bend by bombing until the position was consolidated.

The action of this gallant soldier saved the left flank and enabled his battalion to maintain its position.

The foregoing appeared in the *London Gazette*, dated 5th July, 1917.

<div style="text-align: right;">0137</div> <div style="text-align: right;">3676</div> <div style="text-align: right;">...</div> <div style="text-align: right;">3944</div>	<p>Distinguished Conduct Medal.—Lists of awards which were announced in the <i>London Gazette</i>, dated 9th and 18th July, 1917, will shortly be issued to all concerned.</p>	<p>A.O. 245. 1917.</p>
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<div style="text-align: right;">0137</div> <div style="text-align: right;">3676</div> <div style="text-align: right;">...</div> <div style="text-align: right;">3944</div>	<p>Meritorious Service Medal.—Lists of awards which were announced in the <i>London Gazette</i>, dated 9th and 18th July, 1917, will shortly be issued to all concerned.</p>	<p>A.O. 247. 1917.</p>
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A.O. 248 1917.	Militia Long Service Medal.—The following have been awarded the Militia Long Service Medal :— No. 9150 Serjeant F. Sammut, King's Own Malta Regiment of Militia. No. 5637 Serjeant R. Guillaumier, King's Own Malta Regiment of Militia. No. 3970 Serjeant G. Sammut, King's Own Malta Regiment of Militia.	68 Gen. No. 3084
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A.O. 249. 1917.	Foreign Decorations.—1. The following are among the decorations and medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign :— His Majesty the King has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the decorations and medals in question.	0137 3736
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Decorations conferred by

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS.

Ordre de Leopold II.

Chevalier.

No. 760623, Band Serjeant Samuel George Norris, London Regiment.
No. 3653, Squadron - Quartermaster - Serjeant (Acting Squadron - Serjeant - Major) Richard Yates, Dragoon Guards.

Decoration Militaire.

No. 6105, Lance-Serjeant Edwin John Milton Baigent, Royal Berkshire Regiment.
No. M. 2/151820, Private (Acting Serjeant) Frank Ellis, Army Service Corps.
No. 5659, Private (Acting Serjeant) Ernest Cecil Ford, Middlesex Regiment.
No. 16592, Corporal Charles Lawty, York and Lancaster Regiment.
No. 4550, Private George Walter Mapson, Dragoon Guards.
No. M. 2/048051, Private Reginald James Millson, Army Service Corps.
No. 1936, Private John Polimeni, Royal Fusiliers.
No. 2788 Private Frederick Southwell, Dragoon Guards.
No. 5087, Serjeant Percy Tennuci, Dragoon Guards.

The foregoing appeared in the *London Gazette*, dated 26th July, 1917.

2. A list of awards which were announced in the <i>London Gazette</i> , dated 14th July 1917, will shortly be issued to all concerned.	0137 3736
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| <div style="text-align: right;">63</div> <div style="text-align: right;">T.F.</div> <div style="text-align: right;">1350</div> | <p>Territorial Force Efficiency Medal.—A list of non-commissioned officers and men of the Territorial Force who have been awarded the Territorial Force Efficiency Medal will shortly be issued to all concerned.</p> | <p>A.O. 250.
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| <div style="text-align: right;">83</div> <div style="text-align: right;">9038</div> | <p>Recognition of Voluntary Aid Detachments.—A further list of detachments which have been registered at the War Office is printed as an Appendix to this Order.</p> | <p>A.O. 251.
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| <div style="text-align: right;">43</div> <div style="text-align: right;">R.M.O.</div> <div style="text-align: right;">474</div> | <p>Commissions in the Regular Army.—1. Provisional Regulations respecting admission to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and for first appointments therefrom to the Regular Army, have been approved and copies are being issued to all concerned.</p> <p>2. The following Army Orders are <i>cancelled</i>, so far as they relate to the Royal Military College : 263 (and the regulations issued therewith), 472 of 1915, and 66 and 317 of 1916.</p> | <p>A.O. 252.
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| <div style="text-align: right;">14</div> <div style="text-align: right;">Railways</div> <div style="text-align: right;">5833</div> | <p>Railway concessions for officers and nurses.—With reference to Army Orders 362 of 1916 and 190 of 1917, announcing certain railway concessions to officers and army nurses when travelling at their own expense, attention is drawn to the fact that, where the cost of a journey is not admissible as a charge against public funds and Army Form W 3504 has for any reason not been used, no refund of the difference between the full railway fare actually paid and the reduced fare payable on presentation of Army Form W 3504 will be allowed.</p> | <p>A.O. 253.
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| <div style="text-align: right;">53</div> <div style="text-align: right;">Gen. No.</div> <div style="text-align: right;">7705</div> | <p>Allowance in lieu of rations for soldiers while on furlough in the United Kingdom.—It is notified that from the date of this Army Order, all soldiers while on furlough and in receipt of Army pay, except those for whom the 1s. 4d. rate is issuable in the circumstances detailed in Army Order 94 of 1917, will receive ration allowance at the ordinary current home rate (now 1s. 9d. a-day).</p> <p>The term "sick furlough", which is now obsolete, will be <i>deleted</i> from Army Order 94 of 1917.</p> <p>Army Order 496 of 1914 is hereby <i>cancelled</i>.</p> | <p>A.O. 254.
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| A.O. 255. | Royal Engineers—Motor Cyclist Despatch | 20 | | |
| 1917. | <p>Riders.—1. From the date of this Order, Army Order 189 of 1913 is in abeyance, and in future, for the duration of the war, all men selected for posting as despatch riders for the Signal Service will be posted to the Royal Engineers as pioneers on ordinary rates of regimental and engineer pay.</p> <p>2. On completion of the recruits' course of training, despatch riders who pass the test as proficient will be granted the proficient rate of engineer pay (1s.) and mustered as sappers.</p> <p>3. Motor cyclist artificers will be granted the skilled (1s. 4d.) rate of engineer pay on obtaining a certificate of proficiency as fully qualified artificers and will be mustered as sappers.</p> <p>4. Promotion to lance-corporal, 2nd corporal, corporal and serjeant will be made to complete establishment of signal units as vacancies occur.</p> <p>5. Men who enlisted or were posted under the previously existing conditions of pay will have the option of coming on the new rates of pay, but must express their willingness to revert to the ranks as sappers if so required.</p> <p>In the future, promotion to the rank of serjeant will only be made from among those who have elected to accept the new conditions of pay.</p> | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Engineers</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">5172</td> </tr> </table> | Engineers | 5172 |
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| A.O. 256. | King's Regulations—Amendments.—1. For para- | 21 | |
| 1917. | <p>graph 1764 substitute—</p> <p>1764. The medals of an officer or soldier dying in the Service, whether issued before or after his death, will be disposed of according to the regulations laid down by the Royal Warrant of the 11th May, 1917, as follows:—</p> <p>(1) If there is a Will the medals will be sent to the person who, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, is named in the Will as being intended to receive them or any articles which would in the opinion of the Secretary of State include them, or as being a general or residuary legatee of the estate.</p> <p>(2) In default of and subject to any such testamentary disposition the medals will be sent to the next-of-kin in the following order of relationship:—widow, eldest surviving son,</p> | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">1411</td> </tr> </table> | 1411 |
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eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, A.O. 256
 eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving 1917
 sister, eldest surviving half-brother, eldest *continued.*
 surviving half-sister.

- (3) In the case of a universal or residuary bequest to more than one person either in common or jointly or where medals cannot be disposed of as in (1) or (2) above, they may be sent to any relative or other interested party who, in the opinion of the Army Council, will preserve them with due care as a memorial of the deceased.

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Stores
2440 2. Paragraph 1878C. (i.) Under "*R.F.C. (M.W.)*" A.O. 256.
 after "*Infantry Training*" *insert* the following additional 1917.
 books :—

"Allowance Regulations.
 Equipment Regulations, Part I.
 Regulations for Supply, Transport and Barrack
 Services.
 Barrack Schedules.
 Priced Vocabulary of Stores, Parts I. and II.
 Priced Vocabulary of Clothing and Necessaries.
 Regulations for Engineer Services.
 Regulations for Army Ordnance Services, Parts I.
 and II."

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4258 (ii.) After sub-paragraph headed "*Infantry*" *insert*—

"*Machine Gun Corps.*
 Musketry Regulations, Part I. and II.
 Manual of Field Engineering.
 Manual of Map Reading and Field Sketching.
 Manual of Elementary Military Hygiene.
 Handbook, 303 Vickers Gun.
 Animal Management. (Officers only)."

3. Paragraph 1879. After "*Infantry*" in line 14, A.O. 256.
insert— 1917.

"Machine Gun Corps—
 Infantry—
 Infantry Training.
 Infantry Machine Gun Company Training.
 Cavalry—
 Cavalry Training.
 Cavalry Machine Gun Squadron Training."

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A.O. 257.	Equipment Regulations, Part I.—Appendix XIX.	57
1917.	published by Army Order 346 of 1916—	3
	<i>Delete</i> "Oil, lubricating, Foden engine" and detail.	5323
	<i>Against</i> "Oil, lubricating, motor cars" <i>under</i> "Foden steam wagon, engine" <i>insert</i> "8".	
	<i>Delete</i> "Oil, lubricating, sleeve-valve engines" and detail.	53
		London
		401
A.O. 258.	Regulations for Magazines and Care of War	8
1917.	Matériel, 1913—Amendments.	Magazines
	Section VI—paragraph 110, as issued with Army Order 76 of 1917 :—	45
	Group I—Division IB. <i>Insert</i> in column 3—	40
	"Charges, reducing flash (†) (mealed gunpowder and sodium oxalate)."	W.O.
		4172
	<i>Insert</i> footnote at bottom of page—	
	"(†) Charges reducing flash, not exceeding 50 in number, may, when desired, be stored with their propellant charges in Group I, Division IA."	
	Group I, Division II. <i>Insert</i> in column 3—	8
	"Sodium picrate, dry—i.e., containing under 33 per cent. of water."	Magazines
		45
	Group I, Division III. <i>Delete</i> "Cordeau Bickford" <i>insert</i> "Picric Acid".	...
		46
	Group II, Division II. <i>Delete</i> "Sweeping charges, filled trotyl" and <i>substitute</i> "Sweeping and Depth charges filled trotyl or amatol".	40
		W.O.
		4172
	Group II, Division III—	N.O.
	<i>After</i> "Bombs, filled, H.E. (or Carcass composition" in lines 5 and 11 <i>insert</i> "or Thermit composition".	46966
	<i>After</i> "filled" in line 17 <i>insert</i> "(except smoke)".	8
	<i>After</i> { "Grenades, hand Grenades, hand or rifle Grenades, rifle" } in lines 18, 19, and 20, <i>insert</i> "(except smoke)".	Magazines
		48
	Group III, Division I. <i>Delete</i> "Picric Acid" <i>insert</i> "Cordeau Bickford".	...
		46
	Group IV, Division I. <i>After</i> "Cartridges, Q.F., with incendiary or smoke shell," and all details, <i>insert</i> —	...
	"Grenades, hand or rifle, filled smoke, but without detonators".	48
	"Grenades, smoke, are painted Japan black, boxes painted green and labelled 'PHOS.'".	

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<div style="text-align: right;">24</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;">Gen. No.</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;">5258</div>	<p>Priced List of Medical Stores, 1917.—A revised A.O. 259 edition has been approved, and copies will shortly be 1917. issued to all concerned.</p> <p>Attention is specially drawn to the fact that the book is for "Official use only."</p>
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<div style="text-align: right;">75</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;">3</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;">2929</div>	<p>Regulations for Army Ordnance Services, A.O. 260.</p> <p>Part II.—Amendments have been approved and 1917. copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.</p>
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<div style="text-align: right;">40</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;">W.O.</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;">4849</div>	<p>Gun Drills—Amendments.—1. The amendments A.O. 261. printed below will be inserted in the following Gun 1917. Drills:—</p>
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6-inch B.L. (30 cwt.) Howitzer, 1916, page 12, *after* line 14.

6-inch B.L. (26 cwt.) Howitzer, 1917, page 10, *after* line 9.

8-inch B.L. Howitzer, Mark VI. (Vickers), 1917, page 8, *after* line 7.

8-inch B.L. Howitzer, Marks I. to V., 1916, page 12, *after* last line.

9·2-inch B.L. Howitzer, 1916, page 6, *after* line 12.

12-inch B.L. Howitzer, Mark I., E.O.C., 1915, page 9, *before* line 10 from bottom.

12-inch B.L. Howitzer, Mark II. (Vickers), 1916, page 7, *after* line 20.

To Stand Fast.

Section Commander.

No. 1.

"..... *Section Stand Fast.*" "*No.... Stand Fast.*"

All Stand Fast, whatever they are doing. If the lanyard is attached to the tube, 2 unhooks it. If the cap or safety pin has been removed, the shell is placed in the bore. At the order "*Go on,*" the work is continued.

<div style="text-align: right;">40</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;">W.O.</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;">4110</div>	<p>2. Section Gun Drill for 12-inch B.L. Howitzer, Mark I. (E.O.C.), 1915.—A reprint with corrections to June, 1917, has been approved and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned. The previous edition is cancelled.</p>
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A.O. 261 1917 <i>continued.</i>	3. 60-pr. B.L. Gun, Marks I. and II. Carriages, Gun Drills, 1916, reprinted with Amendments, 1917.— Amendments have been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.	40 W.O. 4257
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A.O. 262. 1917.	Handbook of the 303 Lewis Machine Gun, Part I. (Provisional).—A list of amendments has been approved and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.	40 W.O. 4279
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A.O. 263. BOOKS, FORMS, &c.
1917.

Military Books.

1. The following books have been placed on sale :—

	Price.
	s. d.
Army List, Quarterly, April, 1917	10 9

Army Forms and Books approved.

2. The following Army Forms and Books have been approved :—

Army Form B 104-123, "Effects of Deceased Soldiers—Notification that no further articles have been received."

Army Form B 104-124, "Effects of Deceased Soldiers—Notification that such must be retained pending War Office instructions."

Army Form B 104-125, "Effects of Deceased Soldiers—Notification that none have been received and that probably none were forthcoming."

Army Form B 104-126, "Effects of Deceased Soldiers—Notification of despatch of articles and form of receipt."

Supplies of the above four forms have been distributed to Officers i/c Records.

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Weekly Returns of Strength.

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continued.

Army Form B 104-127, Cavalry.
Army Form B 104-128, Cyclists.
Army Form B 104-129, Royal Artillery.
Army Form B 104-130, Royal Engineers.
Army Form B 104-131, Inland Water Transport.
Army Form B 104-132, Royal Flying Corps.
Army Form B 104-133, Infantry.
Army Form B 104-134, Royal Defence Corps.
Army Form B 104-135, Machine Gun Corps.
Army Form B 104-136, Labour.
Army Form B 104-137, Army Service Corps.
Army Form B 104-138, Remounts.
Army Form B 104-139, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Army Form B 104-140, Army Veterinary Corps.
Army Form B 104-141, Army Pay Department.
Army Form B 104-142, Army Ordnance Corps.
Army Form B 104-143, Officer Cadet Units.
Army Form B 104-144, Command Depôts.
Army Form B 104-145, Miscellaneous.

The appropriate form to be rendered by all Regular and Territorial Force units and detachments at Home.

A general distribution of these forms has been made; further supplies should be indented for as required.

Army Form D 401A, "Memo. as to Pension; Soldier discharged as an invalid."

This form should be indented for as required.

Army Form F 727A, "Fuel and Light Account of Units, under Canvas."

This form should be indented for as required.

Army Form V 4018, "Volunteer Force; Parade Roll."

A distribution of this form has been made to Volunteer Units.

Army Form W 3418B, "Transfer to the Indian Army of Officers holding permanent Commissions in the Regular British Army—Extract from Army Order VII. of 28th June, 1917."

A distribution of this form has been made to Headquarters of Commands.

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A.O. 263 Army Form W 3556, "Wages Return, Forage Department."
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continued.

This form was formerly known as "A.M.F.C. 1."

Further supplies should be indented for under this Army Form number.

Army Form W 3557, "Advice to Farmer as to lifting of Forage."

This form was formerly known as "A.M.F.C. 2 H."

Further supplies should be indented for under this Army Form number.

Army Form W 3559, "Weekly Notice to Supervisor *re* lifting of stacks."

This form was formerly known as "A.M.F.C. 4 F."

Further supplies should be indented for under this Army Form number.

Army Form W 3560, "Forwarding Supervisors' Advice Note" (pads of 200).

This form was formerly known as "A.M.F.C. 5 D."

Further supplies should be indented for under this Army Form number.

Army Form W 3561, "Record of transactions."

This form was formerly known as "A.M.F.C. 6 E."

Further supplies should be indented for under this Army Form number.

Army Form W 3562, "Baling Supervisors' Weekly Report" (pads of 100).

This form was formerly known as "A.M.F.C. 7."

Further supplies should be indented for under this Army Form number.

Army Form W 3566, "Transport forwarding Note Book" (pads of 200).

This form was formerly known as "A.M.F.C. 13."

Further supplies should be indented for under this Army Form number.

Army Form W 3567, "Extract from Ledger Account."

This form was formerly known as "A.M.F.C. 19."

Further supplies should be indented for under this Army Form number.

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Army Form W 3570, "Return of Local Supplies." A.O. 263

This form was formerly known as "P 5."

Further supplies should be indented for under this Army Form number. 1917 *continued.*

Army Form W 3584, "Combined Leave and Rail Ticket" (pads of 100).

Supplies should be indented for as required.

Army Form W 3592, "Contract Ledger Sheet."

This form should be indented for by Officers in charge Stores Depôts, Royal Flying Corps, as required.

Army Form W 3596, "A.M.F.C. Machinery Spares ; Equipment Indent." (pads of 100).

Supplies should be indented for as required.

Army Form W 3600, "Lands and Buildings Reconstruction Committee—Terrier Form 'A.'"

An initial distribution of this form has been made to Headquarters of Commands.

Army Form W 3602, "Separation Allowance ; Authority for payment of Wife's Supplemental Claim."

Supplies should be indented for by Regimental Paymasters and Secretaries of Territorial Force Associations as required.

Army Form W 3604, "Class W, W (T) and T Reservists ; Enquiries as to whether unfit for, or unable to obtain, civil employment."

A distribution of this form has been made to Officers i/c Records.

Army Form W 3607, "Agreement for letting land temporarily in possession of War Department or Ministry of Munitions."

A distribution of this form has been made to Headquarters of Commands.

Army Form W 3609, "Form for requisitions on Road Board."

This form should be indented for as required.

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A.O. 263 Army Form W 3610, "Daily Return of men who
1917 * presented themselves for Service."
continued.

Army Form W 3611, "Daily Return showing the distribution by Medical Categories of all men medically examined or re-examined."

Supplies of Army Forms W 3610 and W 3611 have been distributed to Officers Commanding Recruiting Areas.

Army Form W 3612, "Dues In Ledger Sheet."

Army Form W 3613, "Dues Out Ledger Sheet."

Army Form W 3614, "Dues In and Dues Out Ledger Sheet."

Supplies of these three forms should be indented for as required.

Army Form W 3615, "Notification from a Regimental Paymaster to a Clearing House Paymaster when Acquittance Roll payee is identified but recovery is not possible."

Supplies have been distributed to Regimental Paymasters.

Army Form W 3616, "Quarterly Sanitation Report."

Supplies have been distributed to Headquarters of Commands.

Army Form W 3619, "Shipping Officer's Report on Hay found unfit for Shipment."

This form was formerly known as "A.M.F.C. 18."

Further supplies should be indented for under this Army Form number.

Army Book 434, "Forage Purchase Ledger."

Supplies should be indented for as required.

Army Book 436, "Range Card Book for Small Arms."

Supplies should be indented for as required.

Mobilization Store Tables.

Army Form G 1098—361, "Depôt Headquarters and Depôt Company, Heavy Branch, Machine-Gun Corps."
Dated July, 1917.

Army Orders.—August, 1917.

Army Form G 1098—365, "Section of a Siege Artillery Battery and Ammunition Column (two 6-inch B.L. 26-cwt. Howitzers, horse drawn)." Dated July, 1917. *continued.* **A.O. 263**

Army Form G 1098—367, "A Mechanical Transport Company, A.S.C., for 6-inch Howitzer Battery (Egypt)." Dated July, 1917.

Supplies of these Mobilization Store Tables have been distributed to Chief Ordnance Officers concerned.

Army Forms revised.

3. The following Army Forms have been revised. Previous prints are obsolete and should be wasted :—

Army Form D 401, "Memorandum as to Pension Soldier discharged to Service Pension."

This form should be indented for as required.

Army Form W 3418, "Particulars of an Officer of the Special Reserve of Officers or the Territorial Force, or an Officer holding a temporary Commission in the British Army, who desires to be considered for appointment on probation for a permanent Commission in the Indian Army."

Army Form W 3418A, "Appointments to the Indian Army of Officers holding Commissions in the Special Reserve, New Armies, or Territorial Force.—Extract from Army Order VII. of 28th June, 1917.

Army Form W 3530, "Particulars of a Candidate who desires to be considered for Appointment on Probation for a Commission in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers."

Army Form W 3530A, "Instructions for Candidates for Appointments to the Indian Army Reserve of Officers.—Extract from Army Order VII. of 28th June, 1917."

Supplies of W 3418, W 3418A, W 3530 and W 3530A have been distributed to Headquarters of Commands.

Mobilization Store Tables.

Army Form G 1098-111, "Headquarters of Division, (France)." Dated April, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-147, "A Siege Artillery Battery, R.G.A. (Heavy) (two 12-inch B.L. Howitzers on Railway Mountings)." Dated June, 1917.

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A.O. 263 Army Form G 1098-280, "Supply Columns for Serbian Army." Dated June, 1917.

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continued. Army Form G 1098-298, "Anti-Aircraft Gun Section (two Q.F. 3-inch 20-cwt. guns)." Dated June, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-336, "A Forestry Company, Canadian Forestry Corps." Dated June, 1917.

Supplies of these Mobilization Store Tables have been distributed to the Assistant Directors of Ordnance Services of Commands and Chief Ordnance Officers concerned.

Army Forms cancelled.

4. The following Army Forms have been cancelled :—

Army Form B 104-103, "Weekly Return of Strength of W.Os., N.C.Os., &c., serving in Reserve Units and Depôts, and in Units of the New Armies at Home, affiliated to various Record Offices."

Army Form B 104-116, "Weekly Return of Strength (Regulars)."

Army Form B 104-117, "Weekly Return of Strength (T.F.)."

Army Form C 347-11, "Forwarding Copy of War Office Letter."
(Army Form C 2127-3 is used in lieu.)

Army Form G 1096-36, "Inventory of Kitchen, travelling, 'Lune'."

Army Form F 761, "Supplies ; Receipts and Issues of (Field Service)."

Army Form W 3139, "Amount refunded on account of Advances of Separation Allowance ; Memo. accompanying Money Order."

Army Form W 3191, "Emergency Hirings ; Quarterly Return."

MEMORANDUM.

A slip has been printed for attachment to Army Form A 45. Supplies of this slip should be indented for according to the number of copies of Army Form A 45 in possession.

LIST OF CHANGES IN WAR MATÉRIEL, &c.

A list of changes in war matériel and patterns of military stores which have been approved and sealed, with instructions relating thereto, is issued herewith to all concerned.

By Command of the Army Council,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Wade". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

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APPENDIX TO ARMY ORDER 251.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENTS.

Counties, &c., are arranged in alphabetical order.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

No.	Detachment.	Classification.	By whom organized.
218	Glamorgan	Women's ...	British Red Cross Society.
240	" " " "	" " " "	St. John Ambulance Brigade.
37	Lancashire, West ...	Men's ...	} British Red Cross Society.
288	London, County of...	Women's ...	
290	" " " "	" " " "	St. John Ambulance Association.
292	" " " "	" " " "	} British Red Cross Society.
294	" " " "	" " " "	
14	Merioneth	" " " "	} St. John Ambulance Association.
50	Montgomery	" " " "	
192	Sussex	" " " "	St. John Ambulance Brigade.
13	Wilts	Men's ...	} British Red Cross Society.
96	Worcester	Women's ...	
98	" " " "	" " " "	
100	" " " "	" " " "	
...	H.R.H. Princess Mary's Voluntary Aid Detachment.	" " " "	

SCOTLAND.

44	Dumfries	Women's ...	} British Red Cross Society (Scottish Branch).
89	Fife	Men's ...	
18	Wigtown	Women's ...	

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A Reserve Voluntary Aid Detachment, designated Reserve Voluntary Aid Detachment, County of, has been registered for each of the undermentioned counties, &c., viz. :—

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Berkshire.	Leicestershire.
Brecknockshire.	Middlesex.
Cambridgeshire.	Northumberland.
Cornwall.	Nottinghamshire.
Derbyshire.	Shropshire.
Durham.	Surrey.
Gloucestershire.	Warwickshire.
Kent.	Worcestershire.

IRELAND.

Down.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Jersey.

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